

**LUCERNE VALLEY & JOHNSON VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
LV Community Center, 33187 Hwy 247 East, Lucerne Valley  
Thursday, July 21, 2016 @ 5pm**

Richard Selby, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Richard Selby (Chair)  
Roger Peterson (Vice-Chair)  
Jean Magee (Member)  
Joanna Wright (Member)  
Jean Fuqua (Member)  
Betty Munson (Member)

**Absent:**

Lorane Abercrombie (Member) (excused)

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Richard Selby

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The July 21, 2016 agenda was presented to the MAC members for review and approval. Member, Jean Magee made a motion to accept agenda as submitted; Member, Joanna Wright seconded the motion. Agenda approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Draft minutes from the June 16, 2016 regular meeting were submitted for approval. Vice-Chair, Roger Peterson, made a motion to accept as submitted; Member, Jean Fuqua seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Chuck Bell announced a program through Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTa) called Paratransit and it provides qualified individuals who meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements with low-cost paratransit bus service within the Victor Valley. He had flyers available from VVTa if anyone was interested in program.
- Community member asked the council about the SRA line change proposal and asked if there was any news. Richard Selby, Chair, states as an advisory committee all they can do is make recommendations and after that it is out of their hands.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Reese Troublefield, CSA 29 Manager, Presentation from County Special Districts Department on the new budget and how it affects CSA 29 and Lucerne Valley and Johnson Valley Areas. Reese Troublefield started with the CSA 29 report:

- He announced the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Movie in the Park will take place at the Pioneer Park at about 9pm and at the June showing they had approximately 150-200 people attend.
- He reported on the July 2, 2016 Independence Day Celebrations that took place at Pioneer Park in Lucerne Valley. They had an estimated guess of 5,000 people in and around the park for the celebration. He thanked community members, local businesses and CSA 29 staff who had donated money for the celebration. He also thanked the San Bernardino County Sherriff Dept., San Bernardino County Fire Department and CHP for their presence at the event.
- CSA 29 is planning a Family Night in the Park scheduled possibly for late September.
- Russell Park bench and plaque have been ordered and they are planning a dedication ceremony once they are set in place. He also reported Russel Park signs will be going up soon and they plan on purchasing additional trash cans, picnic tables and benches with remaining money left from park monies. Lastly, he reported they are still waiting for the electric to be hooked up at Russel Park.

Reese Troublefield turned the floor to Scott Fritz to speak on the topic of FCC and TV translators.

Scott Fritz, CSA 29 employee, reported new FCC regulations requiring TV translator providers to move their channels from UHF to VHF. He stated this move on the part of the FCC has to do with the billions of dollars FCC can earn by auctioning upper channel bandwidth to wireless and other service providers. He reported they have about 39 months to make the changes and in order for CSA 29 to make the switch from UHF to VHF they need to bring in about \$45,000 for the VHF Antennas, cabling and other equipment associated with the TV translators. He talked some on history of the change 5 years ago when the FCC mandated the change to digital and the struggle he had to make it all happen. He also stated the revenue for the TV translators is built into the property tax however, there is no specific line item for TV. He estimated approximately 5,000 to 15,000 people use the services in area. He fears TV in the area may go dark.

Jean Magee, Member, asks Mr. Fritz and Mr. Troublefield if the community could help by holding fundraisers for the TV. They both answered, "Yes", and that they would take all the help the community could give.

Reese Troublefield took the floor once again to report to the council and the public on the County Special District new budget. Mr. Troublefield stated that 98% of revenue to CSA 29 is through property taxes. He stated that there has been a 37% decrease in revenues based on assessed property taxes, however, they have been able to do more with less. He reports utility bills have gone up but they have decreased staff. He reported Sharon Fritz, Office Manager at CSA 29, is now working two days in Joshua Tree and three days in Lucerne Valley to help both special districts with the budget reductions due to the revenue loss.

#### **REPORTS:**

a) **3rd District Field Representative Bev Lowry** (present) - Ms. Lowry reported 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor's first term in office will end November 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 and he will be taking the oath of office for second term a few days after that. She stated they have been busy organizing the team and getting ready for Mr. Ramos's second term.

b) **San Bernardino County Fire- Representative-** Bob Evans started report by introducing himself to the council and audience. He stated his first day on the job at Station 8 was July 4<sup>th</sup> and his previous station was San Bernardino City. He reported the stats for Med Engine 8 with 107 medical calls, 12 fire calls with 5 of those vegetation fires and he reported a 108 responses for Ambulance 8 with 56 transports.

c) **Cal Fire-Representative-** None

d) **San Bernardino County Sherriff- Representative-** Sergeant Lonnie Siebert reported recovery of items stolen from Calvary Church. He reported stats for the month of July and they had 374 calls with 38 reports taken and 16 arrests. He stated they still have staffing issues with a max of 2 deputies per day. He had a question from the audience if the crime mapping program had been fixed. Sergeant Siebert stated he would check on program as soon as he was done with report.

e) **State Assembly 33<sup>rd</sup> District- Representative-** None

f) **Land Use Committee-Roger Peterson-**None

g) **Cemetery Committee-Jean Fuqua-** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

#### **INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

a) **Community Plan:** Richard Selby gives an update to those in attendance of the Community Plan Meeting that took place the night before. He also had the handout available to the community that was presented at the Community Plan Meeting which included diagram of where your property tax dollars go, County plan process, and timeline.

b) **Community Issues:** No discussion

**ACTION ITEMS:** None

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS/REPORTS:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** August 18, 2016 @ 5:00pm

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by Carmen Fox, Recording Secretary

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Date approved

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Richard Selby, Chairman